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The Secretary-General has received the following communication from the International Telecommunication Union, and has the honour to transmit it to the Committee:

"1. We have studied with great interest your letter of 3 January 1963 and resolution 1775 (XVII) of the General Assembly, regarding the preparation of plans for the celebration of the fifteenth anniversary of the adoption and proclamation by the General Assembly of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

2. You will no doubt appreciate that it is rather difficult for us to make any concrete proposals for the celebration of this event at this stage, particularly before we have had an opportunity of discussing the matter with the other agencies. All we can say is that, certainly, the telecommunication world in general and the telecommunication administrations of our Member countries in particular, will wholeheartedly favour any action stressing the importance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. In the light of the recommendations which will be made by the Special Committee and the conclusions of the Commission on Human Rights at its nineteenth session, we may even consider suggesting to the ITU Administrative Council, which is to meet in March/April 1963, that it adopt a resolution drawing the attention of all Members and Associate Members to resolution 1775 (XVII) of the General Assembly and recommending that they associate themselves with the manifestations which are likely to be organized in most countries to celebrate what might be called the Human Rights Day, on 10 December 1963.

3. Unfortunately we will not be able to send a representative to the meeting of the Special Committee on 17 January 1963. I would therefore request you to be so kind as to place these few observations before the Committee and to keep us informed about the results of the discussions for suitable action."

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